

## INTRODUCTION

This issue of the *MCV Quarterly* is devoted to the 48th Annual McGuire Lecture Series held on February 12-13, 1977. The lectures, presented this year by the Department of Continuing Education, were designed to focus upon the ever-increasing amount of new information being generated in the field of immunology.

The program title, "Immunology Update," is indicative of our attempt to provide a comprehensive view of the latest research findings and developments and their implications for the clinical setting. Topics addressed included: (a) an overview of basic immunology; (b) a discussion of the clinical manifestations and management of immunological disorders; (c) presentations on how to do office work-ups of immunological problems; and (d) discussions on the use of immunological diagnostic techniques.

We were fortunate to have as our McGuire Lecturer, Richard Hong, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine, Madison, Wisconsin. Dr. Hong is recognized internationally as one of the outstanding authorities on immunology. Nine other highly capable physicians comprised an outstanding faculty. We are in their debt for providing a series of lectures that proved attractive to physicians, as was reflected by the large attendance, and one that was stimulating and informative.

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